

Youth Ministry Resources

Youth Ministry Access www.cmdnet.org (Center for Ministry Development)

- Designed especially for Catholic youth ministry leaders in parishes, schools, retreat centers, camps—wherever young people gather in community as young disciples.
- For middle school youth ministry and high school youth ministry
- Based on *Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry* (USCCB, 1997)
- Provides more than 70 new gathered programs and non-gathered strategies each year
- Includes catechetical sessions for high school youth, correlated to the U.S. Bishops' document, *Adaptation of Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework for the Development of Catechetical Materials for Young People of High School Age*.

Features of Youth Ministry Access

Downloadable Gathered Youth Nights (based on the eight components of youth ministry), Extended Events (retreats, service projects, community life events), non-gathered strategies (Seasonal Connections), connections to the liturgical and civic calendar (Seasonal Ideas), and Journal Articles are provided seasonally to help you develop a comprehensive ministry with middle school and/or high school young people.

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Living and Loving Our Catholic Faith, www.nfcym.org (National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry)

A once-a-year published resource centered on topical themes for parish youth ministers to use for youth catechesis, retreats, prayer, and community building. Back issues can be purchased.

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The HELP Series for Ministry with Young Teens, www.smp.org (St. Mary's Press)

There are 7 books in the series aimed at helping the parish youth minister provide upbeat strategies for the ministry with **middle school teens**. The books can be bought separately. The seven titles are:

- “Community-building Ideas for Ministry with Young Teens”
- “Family Ideas for Ministry with Young Teens”
- “Holiday and Seasonal Ideas for Ministry with Young Teens”
- “Justice and Service Ideas for Ministry with Young Teens”
- “Prayer Ideas for Ministry with Young Teens”
- “Retreat Ideas for Ministry with Young Teens”
- “Hands-on Ideas for Ministry with Young Teens”

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One Day Retreats for Junior High

One Day Retreats for Senior High, www.smp.org (St. Mary's Press)

These two books that can be bought separately offer a broad selection of retreat themes with fully developed schedules, activities, prayer experiences, and suggestions.

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Scripture-based Retreats for Teens Ages 10-19, www.smp.org (St. Mary's Press)

This resource has six different style retreats based on scripture: complete models with schedules (overnight, day-long, and half day options), activities, prayer, and community builders.

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Opening Doors of Truth and Love: 20 Teen Prayer Services,

www.twentythirdpublications.com (23rd Publications)

This resource offers twenty complete teen prayer services on different topics and themes.

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22 Ready Made Prayer Services, www.smp.org (St. Mary's Press)

This resource has twenty two complete prayer services written by Maryann Hakowski also known for her books, "Vine and Branches Retreat Series" and "Pathways to Praying with Teens.

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Best Ever Games (for youth ministry), www.group.com (GROUP Publishing)

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Creative Crowdbreakers and Games, www.smp.org (St. Mary's Press)

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No Supplies Required: Crowdbreakers and Games, www.group.com (GROUP Publishing)

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Food Fast, www.catholicrelief.org (Catholic Relief Services)

CRS is the organization that provides humanitarian aid and social programs to foreign countries. They have excellent FREE resources like *Food Fast* (A 24 hour fast and teaching tool for teens) for helping groups explore justice issues.

Total Catechesis Series (Christian Prayer; the Creed; Liturgy and the Sacraments; Christian Morality—each a separate book) www.smp.org (St. Mary's Press)

This is a fully developed catechetical series that you can use in youth ministry and PSR settings.

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Total Youth Ministry Series (Youth Leadership Development; Pastoral Care; Prayer and Worship; Evangelization; Justice and Service; Community Life—each a separate book)
www.smp.org (St. Mary's Press)

This is comprehensive youth ministry resource filled with program and even ideas.

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Faith Works for Senior High; Scripture and Tradition-based Sessions for Faith Formation
www.smp.org (St. Mary's Press)

This supplemental resource offers 12 sessions for youth nights on various topics.

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Ministry Ideas for Celebrating Advent and Christmas with Teens, Families, and Parishes
www.smp.org (St. Mary's Press)

This is a great supplemental resource for Advent and Lent.

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The Resource Center at the Saint Mary's Press web page. This page has a lot of articles and free program activities to consider. <http://www.smp.org/resourcecenter/>
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